

Appendix A

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
LIVESTOCK, POULTRY, AND SEED PROGRAM

OFFICIAL MATURITY CARD

SLIGHTLY ABUNDANT	PRIME Moderately Firm	Firm		COMMERCIAL	Firm
MODERATE	CHOICE		Slightly Firm		
MODEST	Slightly Soft	Slightly Firm			
SMALL				UTILITY	Slightly Firm
SLIGHT	SELECT Moderately Soft		Moderately Soft		
TRACES	STANDARD	Moderately Soft			Soft and Slightly Watery
PRACTICALLY DEVOID	Soft		Soft Watery	CUTTER	

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(OVER)

	SACRAL	LUMBAR	THORACIC	RIB	
A-	Distinct separation	No ossification	No ossification	Slight tendency toward flatness	1.9 - Muscle visible thru fat many areas THIN - Rib, loin, rump, clod VERY THIN - Outside round, top of shoulder, neck SLIGHT DEPOSIT - Flank, cod
A+ / B-	Completely fused	Nearly completely ossified	Some evidence of ossification	Slightly wide and slightly flat	
B+ / C-		Completely ossified	Partially ossified		2.9 - Nearly completely covered with fat SLIGHTLY THIN - Loin, rib, inside round SLIGHTLY THICK - Rump, hip, clod Lean plainly visible thru fat outside round, top of shoulder, neck SMALL DEPOSIT - Flank, cod
C+ / D-			Outlines plainly visible	Moderately wide and flat	
D+ / E-			Outlines barely visible	Wide and flat	3.9 - Completely covered with fat SLIGHTLY THICK - Loin, rib, inside round MODERATELY THICK - Rump, hip, clod Lean visible thru fat neck, lower outside round SLIGHTLY LARGE DEPOSIT - Flank, cod
TEXTURE		COLOR			
A - Fine B - Tends to be fine* C - Slight coarse D - Moderately coarse E - Coarse	A	C			4.9 - Completely covered with fat MODERATELY THICK - Loin, rib, inside round THICK - Rump, hip, clod Muscle visible on shank, flank, plate LARGE DEPOSIT - Flank cod
		Cm - Moderately dark red U, Cu - Dark red			
		E			
		Cm - Dark red U, Cu - Very dark red			
*Standard moderately fine					

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